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What is claimed is:

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1. A method of purchasing a money order via the internet, comprising the steps of:  
providing a money order system capable of generating money orders;  
contacting the money order system via the internet by a user desiring to purchase a money order in a predefined amount;  
transmitting information to the money order system via the internet required to purchase said money order, said information including at least a user's identification, an identification of an intended receiver of the money order and an financial amount for the money order;  
generating a money order from said money order system upon receipt of said transmitted information; and  
sending said generated money order to said intended receiver.
  2. A method of purchasing a money order via the Internet as recited in claim 1 further including the step of generating an e-mail message to at least one of said user or intended receiver of said money order that said money order has been sent to said intended receiver.
  3. A method of purchasing a money order via the Internet as recited in claim 2 further including the steps of:  
transmitting credit card information associated with said user; and  
electronically processing said credit card information to make available funds needed for said purchase of said money order by said user.
  4. A method for purchasing a money order via the internet as recited in claim 2 further including the steps of:  
establishing a funds account on said users behalf in said money order system, said funds account having a predetermined amount of monetary funds;